



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 4

FOREIGN ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE REGISTRATION SCHEME

Offences: penalties etc

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- (1) A person who commits a foreign activity offence is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine (or both);
 - (b) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates' court or to a fine (or both);
 - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (d) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both).
- (2) "Foreign activity offence" means—
 - (a) an offence under [section 65\(5\)](#);
 - (b) an offence under [section 67](#);
 - (c) an offence under [section 68\(9\)](#) or [\(10\)](#);
 - (d) an offence under [section 74\(8\)](#) committed in relation to a foreign activity arrangement registered under [section 65](#) or a relevant activity registered under [section 68](#);
 - (e) an offence under [section 75\(8\)](#) committed in relation to an information notice given under [section 75\(1\)](#);
 - (f) an offence under [section 77\(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#);
 - (g) an offence under [section 78\(1\)](#).

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) A person who commits a foreign influence offence is liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine (or both);
 - (b) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates' court or to a fine (or both);
 - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (d) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both).
- (4) “Foreign influence offence” means—
- (a) an offence under [section 69\(5\)](#);
 - (b) an offence under [section 71](#);
 - (c) an offence under [section 72\(6\)](#);
 - (d) an offence under [section 74\(8\)](#) committed in relation to a foreign influence arrangement registered under [section 69](#) or a political influence activity registered under [section 72](#);
 - (e) an offence under [section 75\(8\)](#) committed in relation to an information notice given under [section 75\(2\)](#);
 - (f) an offence under [section 77\(3\)](#) or (4);
 - (g) an offence under [section 78\(2\)](#).